

# SERVING SOUTH CAROLINA GOVERNMENT



Accurate, complete, current information is essential to the effective operation of State government. The State Library is the major information resource for State government and State agencies. It can supply legislators, officials, research staff, and State agency personnel with the facts, statistics, or technical data required for planning and decision making. The following specific services are provided to State government:

- answers to questions by telephone, mail or in person
- the loan of books and other materials
- photocopy of information from journals, books, and reference materials
- bibliographies on topics of major concern
- information needed for speeches, public appearances, etc.

- a comprehensive collection of state and federal documents
- information about legislation, programs, and services of other states and the U.S. government
- a checklist of state publications and a monthly listing of new materials
- library orientation and workshops

## SPECIAL COLLECTIONS AND SERVICES



### **ERIC** (Education Resources Information Center)

Printed indexes to and microfiche copies of books, government reports, and statistical compilations in the broad field of education.

### **Newsbank**

Index to and microfiche copies of articles in major U.S. newspapers covering local and statewide developments in economics, consumer affairs, business, government, etc.

### **Foundation Center**

Current information on most U.S. foundations, including Internal Revenue Service returns for South Carolina foundations. The State Library is a regional depository for Foundation Center publications.

### **Federal Documents**

Select depository for federal publications, including all printed sources from the various censuses and energy departments.

### **State Documents**

Reference and circulating copies of State government and agency publications. Prepares and publishes **The Checklist of South Carolina State Publications**, an annual listing of all State government and agency publications received by the Library.

### **SOLINET (Southeastern Library Network)**

Computerized data base linking libraries in South Carolina with other regional networks through OCLC, Inc., giving bibliographic access to the holdings of over 1800 libraries. Used for cataloging and loan services.

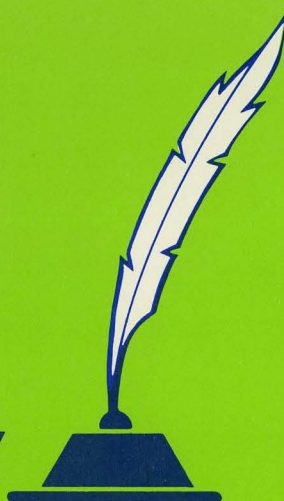
### **Energy Information**

A depository collection of information resources on energy and related technology, a cooperative effort of the State Library and the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education.

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## THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE LIBRARY

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# THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE LIBRARY



Providing access to library resources and services for every South Carolinian and furnishing reference and loan services to State government and agencies are major objectives of the South Carolina State Library. Established in 1969 by the merger of the former South Carolina State Library Board and the old State Library in the State House, the agency is responsible for statewide planning, development, and coordination of library services.

To serve government, citizens, and other libraries, the State Library maintains a comprehensive collection of books, documents, periodicals, films, and other materials. The collection covers all subject areas with special emphasis on government, education, social sciences, and the fine arts. The resources of the State Library are available directly to legislators, officials, and State agency personnel and

to the people of the State through interlibrary loan.

The State Library is the center of an information network connecting all public and state institutional libraries and having access to the materials in the major college, university, technical and special libraries in the state. Through its computer facilities, the library can locate hard-to-find materials in other states with a minimum of delay for users or libraries.

## SERVING SOUTH CAROLINA CITIZENS



South Carolinians need information, books, and materials to further their education, to improve job skills, to cope with daily problems, and for recreation and personal fulfillment. The State Library strives to give every library user access to the resources he or she needs. Most services are provided through the user's local public or institutional library but some are provided directly to the individual as in library service for visually and physically handicapped readers. Services to citizens include:

- in-depth reference service to furnish information not found in local libraries
- interlibrary loan of books, periodicals, and other materials not available in local libraries
- direct access to research materials for users referred from other libraries
- location in out-of-state libraries of materials not available in South Carolina

- publication of bibliographies on subjects of current concern
- free library service for visually and physically handicapped persons — including the loan of books and magazines on record, tape, large-print, or braille, and provision of equipment for use in reading "talking" books and magazines — provided in cooperation with the Library of Congress

## SERVING SOUTH CAROLINA LIBRARIES



The State Library is basically "a library for libraries." It supports local libraries with reference and interlibrary loan service and works to improve library service at all levels. Although most services are directed to public and state institutional libraries, the State Library promotes cooperation and resource-sharing among all libraries in the state.

Among the services to libraries are:

- State Aid to county libraries to ensure a minimum level of service in all counties
- federal grants-in-aid under the Library Services and Construction Act to further library development and cooperation
- a staff of consultants to assist public and state institutional libraries in strengthening library management, formulating programs for adults and children, upgrading book collections, and providing outreach services

- continuing education for library personnel
- a film collection available to public and state institutional libraries
- promotion of legislation designed to improve libraries and library services
- a communications network utilizing a computerized data base, In-WATS telephone, teletypewriter (TWX) and a newsletter to help South Carolina libraries work together
- a public information program to inform citizens of library services available to them
- compilation and publication of annual statistics on public, academic, and state institutional libraries
- a microfilm catalog of the State Library's holdings placed in each county library to inform users of resources available to them
- annual publication of periodical holdings in the State Library